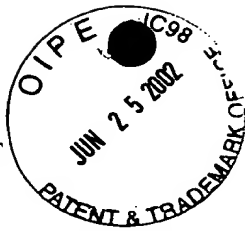


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TREATMENT, AND USES THEREOF

AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated December 28, 2001, Applicants request reconsideration in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

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Cancel Claims 1, 14, and 15.

Please amend Claim 3 as follows:

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3. (Twice Amended) A method for establishing the HLA-G expression profile of a solid tumour with a view to selecting a treatment which is suited to said tumour or with a view to monitoring the evolution of said tumour, comprising:

- (i) removing a tumour sample,
 - (ii) optionally, labeling the cells of said sample,
 - (iii) lysing the cells,
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